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LOK SABHA

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INTERNET CONNECTIVITY FOR EDUCATION
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to provide connectivity to all schools and colleges in the country through internet communication; and

(b) if so, the total number of schools and colleges to be connected through internet in the country including North Eastern States, State and Union Territory-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI)

(a) and (b) : Under the centrally-sponsored scheme of `ICT @ School`, there is provision for internet connectivity in Government and Government aided secondary and higher secondary schools subject to availability of telecom infrastructure in the vicinity and based on the viable proposals received from the State Governments.

Internet connectivity has already been provided to 149 universities including those in the North Eastern Region. The question of covering all eligible colleges would arise only if resources so permit during the XIth Plan.